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Dear Bill,

Judging from the tone of Pat Leahy's personal letter (attached), we are in for another round of finger pointing with Congressional liberals, this time over our support for Duarte in the Salvadoran elections. My personal thoughts on this matter are:

-- We are going to have to move quickly to contain this issue.

-- We will need a precise chronology of what we have done, who, when, etc.

-- A detailed exposition showing what was done in this area under the Carter Administration would be helpful. (The finding dates back to Carter, I understand.)

We need info on what others have done, Germany, Venezuela, etc. to show that outside support for candidates is not only a usual but accepted practice.

-- Also needed will be as much data as possible on what funds ARENA has received from U.S. sources. We can use this to show that our efforts were designed to redress other outside influences.

I think the people in your agency are best equipped to dig out this information.

If Congress runs true to form, this should break on us next week when our legislation is being considered.

Regards,

Tony Motley

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cc: Secretary Shultz

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